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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Cholera—Cholera Carriers.

The following information has been received from Asst. Surg. Duffy, acting chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands: During the week ended August 8, 1914, 39 cases of cholera, with 31 deaths, were notified in Manila. Of these, 9 cases, with 9 deaths, occurred during preceding weeks, but were reported during the week ended August 8, 1914, on corrected diagnoses.

The occurrence is not steady as to numbers. The closing day of the week showed 6 cases and 6 deaths. On the same day there were 23 cholera patients under treatment at the San Lazaro Hospital.

No striking or unusual features have developed in this epidemic. Cholera carriers continue to be found in almost every group of contacts. The situation may be grasped by the statement that at the close of the week there were 14 suspects awaiting completion of diagnosis by laboratory methods, 28 cholera carriers were under treatment and 23 cholera cases were inmates of the San Lazaro Cholera Hospital. The laboratory facilities are adequate, but the length of time required for carrying out the full technique of the examinations is as heretofore a subject worthy of further study.

There has been very little, or no spread of the disease from the various foci of infection. Practically no traces of connection between the different cases can, as a rule, be established.

In the provinces a few sporadic cases of cholera have occurred each week since the commencement of the present outbreak in Manila. Almost simultaneously cholera cases appeared in six provinces; some at places at least 200 miles from the nearest known case of cholera.

Plague.

During the week ended August 8, 1914, 1 case of plague, with 1 death, was notified in Manila.